

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, December 8, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President  
Linda Floyd, RN  
Merry Fort, RN  
Kelli Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Wylencia Monroe, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Andrew Turnage, Executive Director Trades 2

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Fort moved, Floyd seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, December 8, 2016, Hooper declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(**LPNI** = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RNI170345** - Reinstate the license.

**LPNI160288** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a summary suspension, revocation or voluntary surrender.

**LPNI170142** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

**RNI170346** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

**RNI170205** – Close the case.

**RNI151278** – Deny the application. May apply upon successful completion of the Alabama Board of Nursing order.

**RNI170026** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**RNI080595** – Write the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination as a condition of the Board’s consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI080677** – Write the applicant a letter requesting documentation of twenty-four (24) months of continuous sobriety. Once the documentation has been received by the Board, the licensee must submit to an outpatient mental physical examination as a condition of the Board's consideration of the reinstatement application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI150151** – Close the case.

**LPNI170035** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include quarterly reports (employer, personal), work setting restrictions, a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction and run concurrent with Louisiana Board of Nursing Order.

**RNI170347** – License with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

**RNI160937** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, substance abuse stipulations to include mood altering drugs, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management) and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI160795** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal), courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

**RNI170236** – Close the case.

**RNI170269** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI170368** – Deny the application. May reapply with successful completion of IPN program and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Lockwood abstained.

**RNI161041** – Close the case.

**RNI140019** – Approve the request to lift narcotic restrictions.

**RNI150880** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI160141** – Deny the renewal if mental physical examination has not been received by January 31, 2017.

**RNI170201** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, medication management), substance abuse stipulations, naltrexone statement, suspend CRNA authorization, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. May petition to lift after two (2) years.

**RNI151113** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a summary suspension or revocation.

**RNI170077** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI170088** – Close the case.

**RNI130190** – Approve the request to terminate the public consent order.

**RNI140670** – Deny the request.

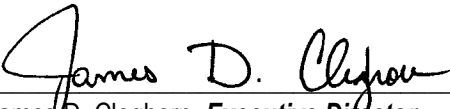
**RNI151258** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation; Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

**RNI140272** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with documentation of compliance with consent order.

**RNI120746** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 5:22 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, ***Executive Director***